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SUBJ: AFRICAN GROUP FOR PEACEFUL INDEPENDENCE

SUMMARY: CONGEN HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY CLANDESTINE AFRICAN GROUP WHICH SEEKS PROMOTE ULTIMATE MOZAMBICAN INDEPENDENCE BY WORKING PEACEFULLY WITHIN PORTUGUESE SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.

1. CONGEN HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF A CLANDESTINE AFRICAN ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF GROUP FOR THE PACIFIC SOLUTION OF THE MOZAMBICAN PROBLEM, WHICH CLAIMS TO BE WORKING, PEACEFULLY AND "WITHIN SYSTEM", FOR ULTIMATE MOZAMBICAN INDEPENDENCE, BY PRESSING FOR ACCELERATED AFRICAN PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVITY IN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

ACCORDING TO TYPED "NOTE" ADDRESSED TO CONSULAR CORPS IN MOZAMBIQUE GROUP REJECTS PRESENT WAR OF MOZAMBICAN AGAINST MOZAMBICAN, WHICH IS WASTING RESOURCES WHEN WHAT MOZAMBIQUE MOST NEEDS IS DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN AID. GROUP THUS WISHES TO MOBILIZE PEOPLE BY "USING LEGALITY TO PENETRATE THE STATE

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STRUCTURE", AND THUS AVOID THE "CONFUSIONS OF A LACERATED

CONGO". "OUR PRINCIPLE IS TO CONVINCE OURSELVES OF THE NECESSITY OF MAKING OURSELVES COMPETENT FOR POSITIONS WHICH ARE NOT FILLED ON THE BASIS OF SKIN. COMPETENCE IS OUR MOTTO."

2. NOTE STATES THAT "POLITICAL LINE" OF ORGANIZATION CONSISTS OF DYNAMIC POSITIVE NEUTRALISM BETWEEN THE TWO BLOCS; FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES; ECONOMIC LIBERALISM (BUT WITH STATE CONTROL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE AND STRENGTHENING OF POSITION OF WORKERS); SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY WESTERN GOVERNMENTS DISPOSED TO GIVE AID.

3. NOTE IS SIGNED BY ANIBAL OLIVEIRA, AND NAMES DR. JOANA SIMIAO AS ORGANIZATION'S "PLENIPOTENTIARY REPRESENTATIVE" TO CONSULAR CORPS, WARNING THAT CONTACT WITH HER SHOULD BE WITH "ALL DISCRETION".

4. NOTE WAS DELIVERED TO OFFICE BY DR. SIMIAO, WHO TEACHES FRENCH AT LOCAL PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL. SHE IS FORMER MEMBER OF COREMO, WHO RETURNED TO MOZAMBIQUE IN 1971 AFTER 12 YEARS ABROAD BECAUSE SHE COULD NOT ACCEPT COREMO ASSASSINATION OF PORTUGUESE CIVILIAN HOSTAGES. SINCE HER RETURN SHE FIRST WORKED FOR JORGE JARDIM'S NEWSPAPER NOTICIAS DA BEIRA BUT, NOT LIKING BEING EXPLOITED BY HIM AS DEFECTOR, OBTAINED PRESENT POSITION. (EARLIER THIS MONTH, SHE CREATED MILD SENSATION AT CONGRESS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN WOMEN HERE BY PUBLICLY AND INSISTANTLY ASKING WHY THERE WERE NOT FAR MORE AFRICANS ON THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS.)

5. ACCORDING DR. SIMIAO, GROUP WAS FORMED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, AND IS HEADED BY ANIBAL OLIVEIRA, A BLACK ALFERES RPT ALFERES (SECOND LIEUTENANT) IN PORTUGUESE ARMY SERVING IN THE NORTH. IT HAS ABOUT 30 MEMBERS, INCLUDING PEOPLE IN LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA AND NAMPULA, AND IS GROWING SLOWLY, LARGELY BY WORD OF MOUTH AMONG FORMER SCHOOLMATES. GROUP WILL WELCOME MULATTO, INDIAN, AND EVEN EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION. IT IS HOPEFUL OF BEING ABLE PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL ELECTIONS IN FUTURE. (PRESUMABLY, BY HAVING MEMBERS NOMINATED BY ANP; DR. SIMIAO SAID SHE HAD TURNED DOWN OFFER TO RUN FOR NATION ASSEMBLY ON MONARCHIST TICKET BECAUSE ONLY AN ANP DUPUTY WOULD BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO POWER TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING

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USEFUL.) DR. SIMIAO SAID SHE GOING NORTH SHORTLY FOR MEETINGS WITH ALFERES OLIVEIRA, AND WOULD KEEP US INFORMED OF GROUP'S FURTHER PROGRESS.

6. DETAILS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

7. COMMENT: DR. SIMIAO, OF WHOM WE HAVE HEARD BEFORE THROUGH JORGE JARDIM, IS ARTICULATE, SELF-POSSESSED, INTELLIGENT

PERSON, THOUGH PERHAPS OVER-OPTIMISTIC AS TO THE AMOUNT OF STRAIN THE MOZAMBIQUE ESTABLISHMENT WILL PUT UP WITH IN THE NAME OR RACIAL EQUALITY. NEVERTHELESS, LIKE MIGUEL MURUPA, HER STATUS AS REFORMED "TERRORIST" MAY GIVE HERE CERTAIN PRIVILEGES TO GOAD GOVERNMENT TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS EGALITARIAN DOCTRINES. CERTAINLY, AT SOUTHERN AFRICAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS (BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY) HER GADFLY BEHAVIOR RESULTED IN PROMISE TO INCREASE BLACK AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE. THE "PACIFIC SOLUTION GROUP" MAY PROVE TO HAVE NO LASTING SIGNIFICANCE, BUT IT JUST MIGHT BE AN EARLY SIGN OF THE EMERGENCE OF NEW POLITICAL CONSOUSNESS AMONG AFRICANS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO COOPERATE WITH THE PORTUGUESE SYSTEM IN ITS NEW, AND MORE ACTIVELY MULTIRACIAL, FORM. IT IS THE FIRST NON-VIOLENT, SPECIFICALLY POLITICAL, AFRICAN MOVEMENT INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE OF WHICH WE HAVE HEARD SINCE THE EARLY 1960'S. WHETHER THE PORTUGUESE ACCEPT SUCH FORCES AS OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE NEW AFRICAN ELITES, OR WHETHER THEY TRY TO SUPPRESS THEM AS SUBVERSIVE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES,
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